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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Monday, 1 June 1955

PRESENT: Messrs. Dulles, Wisner, Wolf, Amory, Kirkpatrick, Helms,
Sheldon and [redacted]

Mr. Dulles:

a. Asked Mr. Sheldon to prepare a roundup on the forthcoming Italian elections, [redacted] in order that he might be prepared to discuss this subject at the NSC Meeting on Thursday, 4 June, if necessary.

[redacted]

Mr. Wisner:

[redacted]

Mr. Amory:

[redacted]

Mr. Sheldon:

Referred to the discussion at the Deputies' Meeting on Friday, 29 May, respecting dissemination of information on East-West Trade to the McCarthy Committee, and stated that the Office of International Trade of Commerce had originally received the request from the Committee and in view of the "third agency rule" had referred it to Rear Admiral Harold A. Houser, Director, Office of Legislative Liaison for the Department of Defense, who in turn had made the information on this subject available to the Committee. It was noted by Mr. Sheldon that information which had been obtained from [redacted] had been included in the Houser Report to the McCarthy Committee. After some discussion it was agreed that DD/I would request Admiral Espe to obtain a copy of

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refused to release such data as they had to the McCarthy Committee and so advised this Agency. We are also advised that OIT was aware that Rear Admiral Houser, Director, Office of Legislative Liaison, Department of Defense, had made certain information on this subject available to the Committee but they did not know whether the material given contained any of our source material.

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Mr. Sheldon (Continued);

Houser's reply to the McCarthy Committee in order that it might be determined what CIA information is contained therein. Mr. Kirkpatrick said that we were still receiving direct requests from a staff member of the McCarthy Committee for information on the subject in question. After some further discussion the Director said that in order to comply with Section 102 (d) (3) of the National Security Act of 1947, as amended, (Protection of Sources), we would eventually have to advise the Committee that the results of our intelligence collection effort are made available to the appropriate governmental agencies and not to individual members of, or Congressional committees.

Mr. Helms:

Reported that the JIC planned to consider the "Agreed Activities Paper" on 3 June.



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